

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in response to our nation's economic crisis, the United States Congress is currently debating an economic stimulus bill that has the potential to provide assistance to City of Austin projects; and

WHEREAS, new projects funded with federal dollars could ease the strain on the city's current budget, save jobs and potentially create new jobs for the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, should new federal dollars become available for City of Austin projects, it is necessary and prudent that a process for Council review be established in advance of that availability; and

WHEREAS, any process for review should provide for both ample public input and allow flexibility for city staff to act quickly as federal money becomes available, if there are time sensitivities; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to brief the Audit and Finance Committee at the February 2009 meeting regarding the prioritization process for submission of requests for federal funding for projects for all City departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to immediately develop and implement a process that includes public and community stakeholder input on city

submittals for federal funding prior to City Council's consideration and approval and monthly updates to the Audit and Finance Committee regarding anticipated submissions as potential federal funding options are identified.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk